they be not relieved, others will be discouraged from undergoing
the like dangers

*iztk January* NASHE'S 'STRANGE NEWS *

Nashe hath replied to Dr Gabriel Harvey in a boot called *Strange News of the intercepting of certain letters and a convoy of verses as they were going primly to victual the Low Counties,* where, in the form of a commentary paragraph by paragraph upon the *Four Letters,* Dr Gabriel Harvey is very abusively handled

In Greene's defence Nashe noteth that he inherited more virtues than vices, a jolly long red peak like the spire of a steeple, he cherished continually without cutting, whereat a man might hang a jewel, it was so sharp and pendant Why should art answer for infirmities of manners ? * He had his faults, and thou follies Debt and deadly sin who is not subject to ? With any notorious crime I never knew him tainted (and yet tainting is no infamous surgery for him that hath been in so many hot skirmishes) In a night and day would he have yarked up a pamphlet as well as in seven year, and glad was that printer that might be so blessed to pay him dear for the very dregs of his wit[3]

To Dr Harvey's praise of the English hexameter Nashe answereth that the hexameter verse is a gentleman of an ancient house (so is many an English beggar), yet this clime of ours he cannot thrive m our speech is too craggy for fcim to set his plough in, he goes twitching and hopping in our language like a man running up quagmires, up the hill in one syllable and down the dale in another, retaining no part of that stately smooth gait which he vaunts himself with amongst the Greeks and Latins

*i^th January* PLAYS OF THE WEEK

The plays at the Rose Theatre this past week

*The Spanish Tragedy, Muly Mullocco, Friar Bacon, The Comedy of Cosmo, Sir John Maundeville, The Knack to Know a Knave*

*i%tb January* RUMOURS

The Parliament that hath been summoned for igth February is said to be only for money to maintain the troops in Brittany and elsewhere, the last payment of the last Parliament's subsidy being now due, and almost all spent already if the soldiers* debts were paid